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Extension of Kachiguda-Jaipur Express upto New Delhi

4373. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATH RAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received to extend "Kachiguda-Jaipur Express" upto New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Smuggling of Wood/Sandalwood

4374. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the value of wood and sandalwood that has been stolen/smuggled out of the country during 1990-1991 and 1992 till date;

(b) the number of such cases detected and the persons arrested; and

(c) the steps taken to check such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Central Assistance to Karnataka for Drugs

4375. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government provide funds to States for purchasing drugs for supply to poor cancer patients; and

(b) if so, the total amount earmarked for this purpose during 1991-92, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). In Government hospitals treatment is provided to cancer patients either free or at a subsidised cost depending on the financial status of the patients. This Ministry has, however, no scheme for providing financial assistance to State Governments for procurement of drugs for supply to cancer patients.

Report of World Health Organisation on Disease Patterns

4376. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation has submitted any report on the disease patterns prevailing in the country;

(b) if so, the main points and recommendations of the report; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to implement those recommendations?